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Minutes of NIS Committee Meeting No. 1, 25 June 1948

1. A meeting of the NIS Committee was held on 25 June 1948 at 1000 hours. Members present were as follows:

Mr. Dunn
Dr. Appleton
Col. MacLean
Lt. Col. DeHority
* Lt. Col. Stattler
Major Baird

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2. Agencies responsible for chapters of NIS-Turkey (Tentative) were asked to furnish BIG with summaries of these chapters to be used as sections of Chapter I of the NIS(Tentative). Rough graphics to accompany chapter summaries. These to reach BIG by 1 August 1948. BIG will then mold these summaries into a completed draft of Chapter I, and pass the draft to the Agencies for their comments.

3. The members were then requested to look over two charts -- NIS COMMAND AND COORDINATION CHART and NIS PRODUCTION FLOW CHART -- and certain proposals for consideration in connection therewith. A general explanation of the charts was given with emphasis on the IAC Control Staff - a new feature. The members were to take the charts and proposals back to their Agencies for study and be prepared to discuss them at a subsequent meeting. Several members suggested that the classification of the charts be lowered to RESTRICTED. [REDACTED] said that CIA would consider the proposition and that it would be a subject of discussion at the next meeting.

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4. The Committee was informed that the revised edition of Standard Instructions for National Intelligence Surveys was about ready to go to press and inquired whether any Agency had further suggestions for changes. No Agency had any such suggestions.

5. Attention of the members was then called to the revised copies of "Editorial Instructions". The members, after study within their Agencies, are to call BIG by 30 June and give their concurrence or comments.

6. An explanation was given of the BGN procedures (incorporated in the "Editorial Instructions") regarding the use of conventional place names, native names, generic terms, and diacritical marks on alliterated names.

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7. Copies of a memorandum from [REDACTED], Map Branch, CIA, regarding the capabilities of various contributors to Chapter IX and recommendations for a coordinated program of interim production. Capt. Knowles requested the members to study the memorandum, each in the light of the capabilities of his own Agency's mapping and charting installations, and arrange for the implementation of a coordinated interim production program. Dr. Appleton asked how the matter of graphics is to be handled, pointing out that the State Department's facilities to provide graphics for NIS are severely limited. [REDACTED] pointed out the advantages of having each Agency do as much of its own graphics as possible and said that CIA would supplement Agency capabilities as much as possible.

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8. [REDACTED] notified the members of CIA's intention to publish 1000 copies each of JANIS 40 and JANIS 41, in view of the importance of the areas covered. He inquired whether the members thought that the increased number (1000 as against the usual 750) was warranted. The members unanimously agreed that it was.

9. The members were urged to attempt to get their Agencies to get in to the Director of Central Intelligence as soon as possible their revised estimates of augmentation required for the NIS program. This the members agreed to do.

10. The members were requested to brief their JCS members on the required revision of the JCS priorities list so as to insure prompt action when the request for revision was made. Col. MacLean and Lt. Col. DeHority pointed out that such action would be ineffective in obtaining results.

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[REDACTED] agreed to take the matter up with General Todd, Director of JIC.

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11. [REDACTED] pointed out to Col. MacLean and Lt. Col. DeHority three recommended changes on the map of NIS areas as follows:

a. An extension of the boundaries of geographic areas for NIS No. 26 to include Russian-owned islands in the Arctic Area. Geographic treatment of NIS No. 69 would overlap the boundaries of NIS No. 26.

b. Shift the eastern boundary of NIS No. 102 to run along the International Date Line so as to avoid splitting the Fiji Island group.

c. Eliminate the separate geographic area for NIS No. 52 and include it in the geographic area for NIS No. 50, so as to avoid a break in the geographic treatment of the east coast of Africa.

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Lt. Col. DeHority concurred in these changes for Navy. Col. MacLean is checking two changes with Army and will notify [REDACTED] of concurrence or otherwise.

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12. The meeting then, at 1255 hours, adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

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